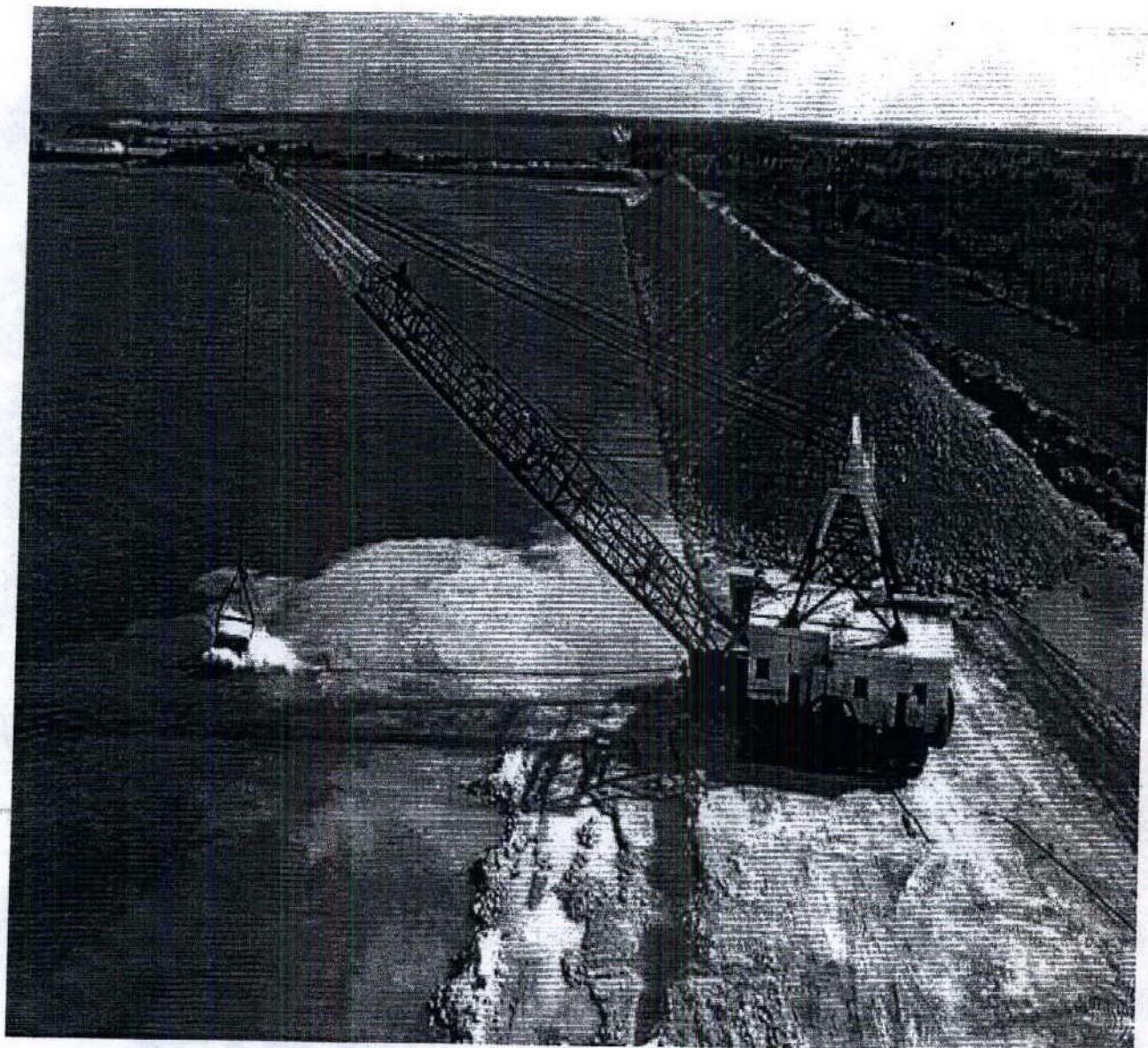


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Responsible Agencies: The responsible lead agency is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. The responsible cooperating agencies are the South Florida Water Management District, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management, and the South Florida Limestone Mining Coalition.

Abstract: This report contains a Recommended Plan as a framework under which limestone mining will be permitted in Miami-Dade County, Florida. This is a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, which discusses the plans' proposed project features, their beneficial effects and potential impacts on existing resources. The Recommended Plan would result in the mining of approximately 15,800 acres of wetlands. The principal feature of the Recommended Plan is the on going development of a comprehensive hydrologic and wetlands mitigation plan. The hydrologic and wetland restoration mitigation features will vastly improve native plant communities and the habitat functions and values they supply within the Pennsuco wetlands.

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